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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

 Docket No.  
1131-0501P

Application No. 10/786,131-Conf. #3478	Filing Date February 26, 2004	Examiner Michael J. Felton	Art Unit 1731
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Applicant(s): Hiroshi OKAMOTO

Invention: ROD-SHAPED ARTICLE FORMING DEVICE

**MS Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	
Total Claims	2	- 20 =	0	x 50.00	0.00
Independent Claims	1	- 3 =	0	x 200.00	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					
Other fee (please specify):					
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:</b>					0.00

 Large Entity Small Entity No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 02-2448 as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17.

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PATENT  
Docket No.: 1131-0501P

**IN THE U. S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application: Hiroshi OKAMOTO

Confirmation No.: 3478

Application No.: 10/786,131

Art Unit: 1731

Filed: February 26, 2004

Examiner: Michael J. Felton

For: ROD-SHAPED ARTICLE FORMING  
DEVICE

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R.1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 14, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Claim Set As Amended and Remarks.